STATE of WISCONSIN



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WHEREAS; caregivers perform a variety of complex tasks, including bathing, dressing, medication management, coordinating services, providing financial assistance, and performing medical or nursing tasks; and

WHEREAS; in addition to providing care to their loved ones, family caregivers often struggle to meet their own personal and occupational needs, as well as the needs of others in their households, and we recognize that they also require support to stay healthy; and

WHEREAS; the direct care workforce in our state is facing a shortage that negatively impacts the ability of Wisconsin's families to obtain the care they need, with a significant number of caregiving positions going unfilled each year; and

WHEREAS; established via Executive Order #11 in February 2019, the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving is charged with making recommendations to address Wisconsin's caregiving and direct care workforce shortage, analyze strategies to attract and retain a strong direct care workforce, and support families providing caregiving supports and services; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that support caregivers and to ensuring that all Wisconsinites who depend on their services have access to affordable, quality care that allows them to live with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS; this month provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate caregivers across our state for their innumerable contributions and sacrifices in service to the health and well-being of friends and family members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

ghout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of October 2020.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State